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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORT

TOPIC Soviet Military Rail Movements

EVALUATION PLACE OBTAINED

DATE OF CONTENT

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 16 October 1950, a train of three boxcars with about 100 soldiers and flatcars carrying 24 canvas-covered tanks and six trucks passed through Mechterstedt toward Gotha. (1)
2. On 17 October, a train of two cars with officers and M1, and flatcars carrying 14 T-34 tanks and 12 trucks was standing at the Gotha railroad station, headed toward Erfurt. (2)
3. On 19 October, a train of six boxcars with about 150 soldiers, and flatcars carrying 12 AT guns of about 80 mm and 20 trucks passed through the Seeborgen railroad station and proceeded toward Erfurt. (3)
4. On 20 October, about 30 artillery pieces of about 105 mm and their prime movers were loaded on three trains at the Gotha railroad station. Each prime mover carried an 8-man gun crew. trucks also loaded on the trains were seen. (4)
5. On 22 October, a train carrying 13 rail-tube rocket launchers and 20 trucks left the Gotha railroad station toward Erfurt. (5)
6. A freight train observed at the Uberswalde freight yard on 29 October included some flatcars carrying six passenger cars and four trucks (6)
7. A shipment of 40 new trucks was observed going from Brest-Litovsk to Oberschoeneweide on 3 November.

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8. Two carloads of timber were on route from Neuruppin to Muellrose on 4 November.

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9. Shuttle-trains observed between 8 and 13 November included:

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ShipmentFrom-To and Date

Empty shuttle-train
[redacted] of 53 boxcars

Guben to
Berlin-Rummelsburg
8 November

(8)

Empty shuttle-train
[redacted] of 10 boxcars

Jueterbog-Altes Lager to
Meinsdorf
9 November

(9)

Shuttle-train [redacted]
of 10 boxcars
with soldiers

Meinsdorf to
Jueterbog-Altes Lager
9 November

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(9)

Empty shuttle-train
[redacted] of 25 boxcars

Jueterbog-Altes Lager to
Meissen
11 November

Shuttle-train [redacted]
of 25 boxcars
with soldiers

Meissen to
Jueterbog-Altes Lager
11 November

(9)

Empty shuttle-train
[redacted] of 55 boxcars
and one gondola car

Berlin-Rummelsburg to
Jueterbog-Altes Lager
12 November

(10)

Shuttle-train [redacted]
of 40 boxcars and
one gondola car
with soldiers
due for demobilization

Jueterbog-Altes Lager to
Kuestrin
13 November

Shuttle-train [redacted]
of 11 boxcars,
2 flatcars and
13 gondola cars
with soldiers

From direction of Falkenberg to
Jueterbog
13 November

(9)

Shuttle-train [redacted]
of 5 boxcars,
2 gondola cars,
17 flatcars, and
2 heating cars

Rathenow to
Jueterbog
13 November

Shuttle-train [redacted]
of 6 coaches,
10 boxcars, 2 gondola cars,
17 flatcars, and
2 heating cars

Rathenow to
Frankfurt/Oder via Jueterbog
13 November

(11)

Shuttle-train [redacted]
of 10 boxcars
with soldiers

Meinsdorf to
Jueterbog-Altes Lager
14 November

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(9)

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Comments.

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- (1) Headquarters units of the XXVIII Gds Itz Rifle Corps
- (2) Elements of the 57th Gds Itz Rifle Div
- (3) AF artillery components of both the 20th Gds Necz Div and the 38th AT Arty Brig of the XXVIII Gds Itz Rifle Corps
- (4) Components of the unidentified AF Arty Brig (?) of the XXIX Gds Itz Rifle Corps, and elements of the 13th AAA Div of the Eighth Gds Army
- (5) [redacted] a component of the 13th AAA Div. The train may have also carried a rocket launcher unit. All trains mentioned in paragraphs 1-5 carried troop units returning to their home stations. The units are believed to have participated in the Eighth Gds Army fall maneuvers which were probably held in the Gotha-Ohrdruf-Eisenach area during the first half of October.
- (6) [redacted] motor vehicles of an AF unit
- (7) [redacted]
- (8) Shuttle-train [redacted] presumably carried soldiers due for demobilization to the U.S.S.R. in early November and returned to the Soviet Zone of Germany empty [redacted]
- (9) Trains operating on feeder lines, hauling personnel due for demobilization to the Jueterbog collection point.
- (10) Shuttle-train [redacted] which went empty to Jueterbog to pick up soldiers due for demobilization for shipment to the U.S.S.R.
- (11) [redacted] the train was earmarked for the repatriation of Soviet dependents.

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